

NSC BRIEFING

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TRAWLER INCIDENT

- I. USS Polaris Missile Submarine George Washington (SSBN 598) conducted test firings dummy missiles 26 April about 120 miles off New Jersey coast.
- A. US submarine rescue vessel, a fleet tug and one blimp accompanied submarine for spotting and recovery operations.
- B. Soviet fishing trawler Vega, equipped with antennae, cameras and towing underwater object astern, approached US units.
- [REDACTED]
- C. George Washington launched four test vehicles while trawler in the vicinity. Pilot of blimp reported that trawler attempted recovery of one vehicle but was unsuccessful.
- D. Fleet tug successfully maneuvered to force trawler to withdraw from area.
- II. Trawler believed remaining in vicinity. Last reported about 30 miles off coast.
- III. Aggressiveness of trawler's operations shows uncommon anxiety collect information on US Polaris program.

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